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Enclosed please find an application for United States patent as identified below:

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<u>Title</u>: QUALIFICATION AUTHENTICATION METHOD USING VARIABLE AUTHENTI-CATION INFORMATION

including the items indicated:

- 1. Specification and 3 claims: 1 indep.; 2 dep.; multiple dep.
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- 3. [X] Formal drawings, 4 sheets (Figs. 1,2,3,4) [] Informal drawings, sheets (Figs.)
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"This patent application claims the priority of U.S. provisional patent application No. $\underline{60/}$, filed on , which is incorporated herein by reference."

Priority is claimed for this application, corresponding application/s having been filed as follows:

Country:

Japan

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